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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Claims 1-23, 25 and 26 are pending.

Claims 1-23, 25 and 26 are allowed.

Claim 24 is cancelled.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed July 27, 2004 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-23, 25 and 26 (now claims 1-25) are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's remarks, see pages 8-10, filed July 6, 2004, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-10, 12-23, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murata et al. (J. Am. Chem. Soc. Vol. 120, No. 28, July 1998, pp. 7117-7118) in view of Bierschenk et al. (US 5,093,432) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-10, 12-23, 25 and 26 has been withdrawn.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rosalynd Keys whose telephone number is 571-272-0639. The examiner can normally be reached on M, R and F 3:30-8:30 pm and T-W 5:30-10:30 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 16, 2004